

SPRING 2021



# LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS

## A MESSAGE FROM TOMMY...

The 2021 Florida Legislature recently passed Senate Bill 90, an election administration bill that directly affects certain sections of Florida's election laws. The bill immediately became effective on May 6, 2021, when signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis.

Florida will see impacts on voter registration, Vote-by-Mail ballots, and the use of Vote-by-Mail ballot drop boxes, as well as other areas concerning various election processes. An explanation of how these changes may affect you as a voter is provided in the Florida Senate Bill 90 Fact Sheet included in this newsletter.

Lee Elections has updated its website, [www.lee.vote](http://www.lee.vote) to comply with all processes and procedures required by the new legislation. I encourage you to bring your questions and concerns to the experts for the facts. Call 239-533-8683 or visit our website, and stay connected with us on social media to ensure you have the information to be election ready!



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# Florida Senate Bill 90 Fact Sheet

Governor DeSantis signed Election Reform Bill SB 90 into law on May 6, 2021, effective immediately. The new law addresses, among other things, voter registration, vote-by-mail ballots, and the use of drop boxes for vote-by-mail ballots.

## Voter Registration

The new law does not change the process for new voter registration applications. However, additional information will be required to establish an applicant's identity and eligibility when updating an existing voter registration record.

Specifically, only a Florida Voter Registration Application must be used when changing a name or party affiliation. The voter must provide their Florida driver's license number or Florida ID card number, or the last four digits of their social security number.

Voters can submit an address change within the state to the Supervisor of Elections of the county where they moved by phone, fax, or email. The voter must provide their date of birth and last four digits of their social security number or Florida driver's license number, or Florida ID card number for verification in the Supervisor's records.

They can also submit an address change on a voter registration application or other written notice. The notice must contain their date of birth and one of the following: the last four digits of their social security number, Florida driver's license number, or Florida identification card number. The notice can be returned to the Elections Office by mail, email, fax, or in-person to any branch office.

## Vote-By-Mail Ballots

One request for a Vote-by-Mail ballot will cover all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next scheduled general election. All requests currently on file for vote-by-mail ballots are valid through the end of 2022.

- *NOTE: Lee Elections will continue to notify all voters who have standing requests on file when their requests will expire, and they need to renew their request.*

A person requesting a Vote-by-Mail ballot for themselves to an address on file must disclose: their name, address, date of birth, and Florida driver's license number or Florida ID card number, or the last four digits of their social security number. A written request (paper, fax, or email) must also include the voter's signature. A request for a ballot to be mailed to an address that is not on file can only be made in writing by the voter and must be signed by the voter.

A person requesting a Vote-by-Mail ballot on behalf of another must disclose: the voter's name, address, date of birth, and a Florida driver's license number, or Florida ID card number, or the last four digits of the voter's social security number, whichever may be verified in the voter's record, as well as their name, address, relationship to the voter, and their driver's license number, or ID card number, or the last four of their social security number, if available. If the request is in writing, the request must be signed by the requestor.

- *NOTE: Only an **immediate family member or legal guardian** can request a ballot on behalf of another. Immediate family members include spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of the designee or designee's spouse.*

A designee who is picking up or returning Vote-by-Mail ballots for another voter now may lawfully possess only their own ballot and those of immediate family members, in addition to two other ballots.

## Return of Vote-by-Mail Ballots

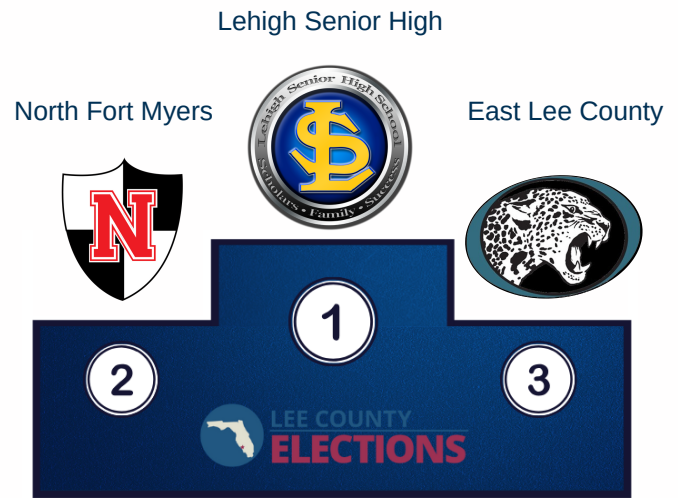
Secure drop boxes will be provided and monitored by election personnel at all four Lee Elections Branch Offices and all Early Voting sites when Early Voting is available. The location of drop boxes will be published on our website, [www.lee.vote](http://www.lee.vote), at least 30 days before each election.

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## 2020-2021 High School Voter Registration Challenge

Congratulations to the winners of the 2020-2021 High School Voter Registration Drive Challenge!

The 2020-2021 High School Voter Registration Challenge was conducted differently due to COVID-19 and the subsequent health and safety guidelines implemented at the seven participating high schools. While in-person voter registration and education are ideal, the Community Education Services Department (CESD) adapted by reaching students through virtual presentations and digital material. Despite the added challenge of adjusting from in-person to virtual, our office received a total of 248 registrations from students ages 16 and above.

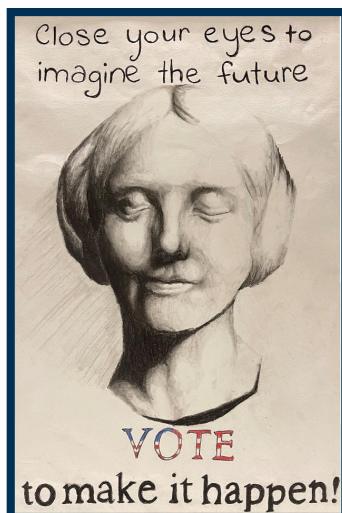


## 2020-2021 "ArtsVote" Contest

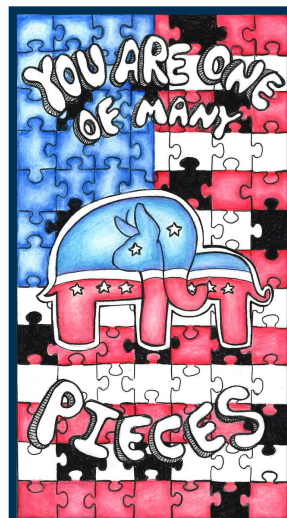
Congratulations to the winners of our 2019-2020 "ArtsVote" Contest!

The Lee Elections "ArtsVote" Contest gives students at participating high schools the opportunity to unleash their creativity and talent to the fullest to promote civic engagement, voting, and patriotism. The 2021 contest began December 14, 2020, and ended on April 16, 2021. Supervisor of Elections, Tommy Doyle, and his panel of judges had the task of selecting the winning pieces from thirteen entries; twelve from Cypress Lake High School and one from North Fort Myers High School.

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office awarded First Place Winner Cooper Kraft with a gift card and a certificate of appreciation for participating in the contest. In support of local schools and the arts, Supervisor Doyle presented North Fort Myers High School Principal Debbie Diggs with a \$500 donation! A special thank you to Art Teacher Joy Williams for her support of the contest.



Best Artwork:  
Cooper Kraft,  
North Fort Myers HS

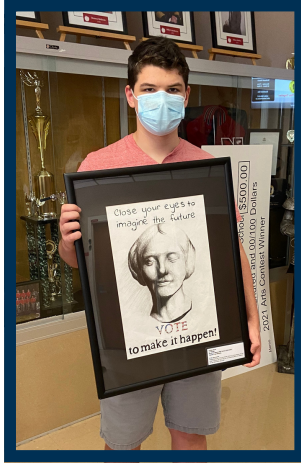


Most Original Artwork:  
Alayna Calkins  
Cypress Lake HS



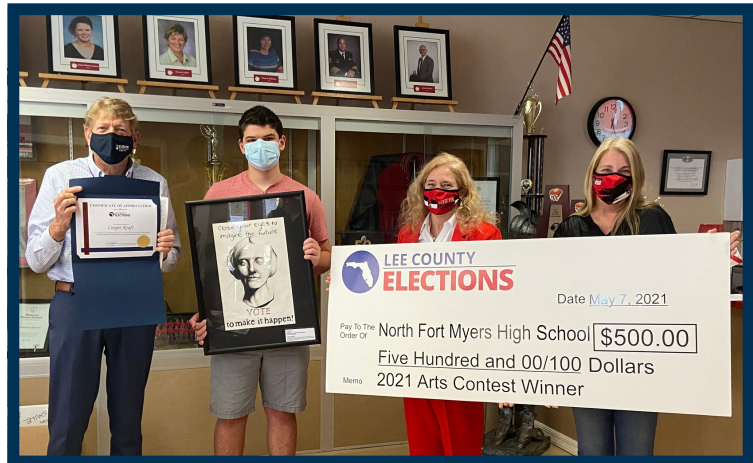
Most Creative Artwork:  
Richard Riley  
Cypress Lake HS

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Top photo, from left to right:  
Winners Cooper Kraft, Alayna Calkins, and Richard Riley

Bottom photo, from left to right:  
Supervisor of Elections Tommy Doyle, Cooper Kraft, Joy Williams, Debbie Diggs.



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